

public debate. The Institute's goal during the 1980s is to change the direction of some currently unsound US economic, political, and military policies, and to bring a new sense of reality, principle, and imagination, to America's role in the world.

History and Organization

The World Policy Institute was established in 1948. Soon after World War II, a number of individuals, Harry B. Hollins and Earl D. Osborn in particular, expressed their deep desire to see the elimination of war and the creation of alternative systems to provide world security. As a result of their separate and ultimately joint efforts, and with the support of others, the Institute began promoting peace and world-order studies at the university level. In 1982, a new emphasis on public policy development was initiated.

The World Policy Institute's programmes are organized around a single research and policy studies agenda. Emphasis is given to policy development on the prevention and elimination of war; to the development of an equitable and sustainable world economy; and to building systems to protect human rights, to assure a healthy global 'ecology', and to resolve global conflicts peacefully. The Institute conducts research in these areas by drawing upon its staff of economic, political, and military experts, and by commissioning work by leading specialists throughout the world. Policy options are then introduced into the American security debate through five major activities.

1) *World Policy*, the Institute's new quarterly journal launched in the autumn of 1983, has a circulation of 10,000. Its Editorial Board and contributing Authors represent the coming generation of policy-shapers.

2) **The Security Project** is a three-years' effort designed to develop an integrated and coherent set of political, economic, and military policies and to bring it to the attention of elected officials and the public. The Project encompasses and utilizes the 1984, 1986, and 1988, United States elections and engages politicians, journalists, leaders of organizations, and educators.

3) **The Curriculum Development Program** stimulates education, research, and the development of new ideas,

through providing consultation and curriculum materials to educators and students. The Institute's leading teaching volume is *Peace and World Order Studies: A Curriculum Guide**.

4) The Institute publishes, co-sponsors, and disseminates reports, *World Policy Papers*, and briefing papers to policy-makers, the media, and the general public. A publications catalogue listing 84 titles is obtainable from the Institute on request.

5) The Institute builds and encourages a wide network of scholars and specialists throughout the world who propose positive contributions to the solution of US and world security problems.

Funding and Institutional Development

Long-range financial planning is necessary if the World Policy Institute is to play a leading role in American and global policy-making in the 1980s and beyond. So the Institute is currently engaged in a 'Five Year Plan' to secure gifts totalling \$6,000,000 from major Institute donors. Contributions, pledged for five years, may take the form of cash, securities, or deferred gifts.

Over the years, support from an enthusiastic group of individuals has provided a major part of the World Policy Institute's annual budget. The Institute is expanding the numbers of individuals who will contribute on a yearly basis towards meeting its expenses, besides seeking foundation and industrial grants for project support. In addition, the Institute has established a Reserve Fund which can, over time, provide substantial interest income towards supporting the core operating costs of the Institute, which welcomes inquiries, comments, and support. Please contact any member of the Board of Directors or staff for further information.

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Professor Ramdeo Misra Receives Sanjay Gandhi Award for Ecology

The renowned 'father of Indian Ecology', Professor Ramdeo Misra, was recently awarded the (second) Sanjay Gandhi Award for Ecology. The award carries a citation and Rs 100,000 (approximately US\$10,000). The awards were established in memory of the late Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Prime Minister of India, and are managed by the Sanjay Memorial Trust. The first such award was made in 1982 to Professor Benjamin P. Pal, former chairman of the Indian National Committee on environmental Planning.

Professor Misra has long been recognized internationally for his pioneering contributions to the field of ecology in India and for his untiring efforts to promote education in ecology and environmental sciences. A former student of the late Professor W.H. Pearsall, his studies on the macrophytes of English lakes are still widely cited.

Professor Misra has served on the Board of INTECOL, as the first Vice-Chairman of the MAB Bureau, and on the Ecology Commission of IUCN, besides other international committees and numerous Indian Governmental and nongovernmental committees. He has been associated with several international journals, and has also been President of the International Society for Tropical Ecology, of whose Journal, *Tropical Ecology*, he remains Chief Editor. The Award was presented by the Prime Minister of India, in New Delhi, on 27 April 1984.

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